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TO : SAC, DALLAS (134-1A-690A) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (u)  
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On 8/1/62 SA W. HARLAN BROWN received, in person, a handwritten report dated 8/1/62 from DL-6-S. This report has been serialized as 134-1A-690. (u)

Informant determined on 8/1/62 that on 7/29/62 there was a CP State Committee meeting at the Hotel Dallas, Dallas, Texas, in Room 836. AUGUSTIN ESTRADA was chairman of the meeting. Besides AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, the following were present at this meeting: (u)

BILL LOWERY  
JOHN STANFORD  
FRANK MEDINO

JOE LANDIN  
THEO CASTILLO (u)

Delegates from San Antonio were THEO CASTILLO and JOHN STANFORD. The delegate from Houston, Texas, was FRANK MEDINO. (u)

The agenda was drawn as follows: (u)

- 1 - 134-1A-690A (u)
- 2 - San Antonio (1-CP-USA, ORG., IS-C) (RM)
- 1 - JOHN WILLIAM STANFORD (IS-C) (100-7232) (u)
- 1 - Houston (CP, USA-ORG, IS-C) (RM)
- 1 - 100-7995 (A. ESTRADA) (u)
- 1 - 100-7929 (B. LOWERY) (u)
- 1 - 100-8749 (J. STANFORD) (u)
- 1 - 62-3035 (ACLU)
- 1 - 100-671-21 (P&P)
- 1 - 100-5257 (NAACP)
- 1 - 100-7995 (A. ESTRADA) (u)
- 1 - 100-8001 (J. LANDIN) (u)
- 1 - 100-671-11 (NEGRO QUESTION)
- 1 - 100-671-5 (ORG)
- 1 - 100-671-8 (POL. ACTS)
- 1 - 100-671-25 (STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (u)

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DL 134-1A-690A ~~(S)~~(u)

1. Status of Negro in CP
  2. Defense and cruel liberties
  3. Report on social democracy and trade unions.
  4. Literature
  5. Peace and gubernatorial elections
  6. Good and welfare
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(S)  
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FRANK, an oil worker from Houston, wanted to know the role of the Negro in the CP. STANFORD informed the committee that at the present there were no Negroes in the CP. There were some who read "Political Affairs" and "The Worker." On a recent survey that he made STANFORD said he found out that a good number of Negroes read "New Horizons," "Freedom Ways" and the "National Guardian." STANFORD did not say whether the survey was made in San Antonio or in Houston. There had been other requests, he assumed them from other sources asking for an organizer from the national office. (Previous to this, FRANK had stressed the need for an importation from the national office. The imports job he added would be to recruit Negroes for membership in the CP. Someone was needed who could deviate his or her time to that project. He could not do it, he didn't have the time. In fact he'd be suspicious if he lingered too long talking to a Negro at his job. FRANK said he felt SMITH would meet with CP personnel if he was correctly approached. FRANK admitted that SMITH was scared.) ~~(S)~~(u)

AUGUSTIN ESTRADA said he could spend a week end talking to some of the folks he knew. JOE LANDIN said he agreed with FRANK, someone was needed full time to do the job. BILL LOWERY and JOHN STANFORD figured the best thing to do was for them to do that job themselves. STANFORD explained that he based the deduction on the fact that there was no contact with the national office. The last contact had been made a year ago. ~~(S)~~(u)

Informant further determined that FRANK told JOHN STANFORD that he suspected a Negro of being a spy. The man had been asking questions about him and had just happened to be on the same train with "POLLY" when she passed by there (sometime ago). This man has a railroad card which entitles him to free rides. ~~(S)~~(u)

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BILL LOWERY made a report on the PENN JONES case. He established the fact that "liberals" in Dallas concluded there would be something done about those kids in Midlothian (students who, as a captive audience in a Midlothian school, heard a conservative speak and hadnot been given a chance to hear a liberal). The form of action to be taken, he added, would be up to PENN JONES. The Birchers, he concluded, were taking over the PTAs. (u)

JOE LANDIN reported that he had joined the local ACLU and had learned that on Monday the union was to file a suit in court in favor of REEDER, a teacher who was fined for lending his support to sit-in demonstrations. LANDIN also reported on PASO and the NAACP. LANDIN explained that in 1954 and 1961 local labor people had not been wise in selecting individuals to lead Latin-Americans. Their present selectee in spite of an "Uncle Tommish" name and some chauvenistic characteristics, had turned out to be a good working liberal, no less. The CP, he suggested, should work closer with him. The NAACP, JOE explained, had only 281 members and for awhile it seemed that the NAACP youth council's senior advisor had become an opportunist after being financially rewarded for campaigning for WILL WILSON. She (J. E. CRAFT) had started to make an independent organization out of the youth council to be more active in politics. The advisor had also started a precinct Club. It seems that the NAACP's national convention had done a lot of good because she pledged to work harder than ever and she was doing just that. (u)

Informant further determined that JOHN STANFORD noted that times were changing, the people were no longer afraid. He had invited 40 persons to see a movie on the Soviet Russia, 29 adults had attended paying a dollar for admission. THEO added that a Negro head of the Young Democrats had been impeached by Anglos for not being active. While the impeachment proceedings were illegal, and whether he had been impeached or not, all this indicated they wanted action. STANFORD added that while people were not afraid they would not speak out. There was the case of Prof. KOENINGER, the McCarren Act - no one complained. It was up to them to show the people that the persecution of the Texas Party was tied in with the (u)

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persecution of all organizations, while the Birchers were talked about they were really free to influence. They were responsible for the changes in text books which they changed at will. The firing of KOENINGER was due to Birchers influence. (u)

JOHN STANFORD discussed the recent AFL-CIO state convention. At this convention the Department of Public Safety had planted agents. HANK BRAUN had vigorously protested allegations by high officials that labor was being infiltrated by communists. The agents at the state convention marked a dangerous trend in the DPS for the convention was an open meeting. BILL LOWERY and JOHN STANFORD agreed that Negroes were deserting liberal and labor camps because they will not recognize Negro rights. (u)

Informant determined the next meeting will be in San Antonio on 11/4/62. The delegates will meet at the Greyhound Bus Station at 8:00 A.M. (u)

Informant had no additional information. u

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